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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: Brookfield Historical Society Hosts Presentation on “Burning the Valley”, Union MG Philip Sheridan’s Shenandoah Valley Campaign, September 1864

Time and Date of Event: Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.

Place of Event: Brookfield Museum, 165 Whisconier Road (Junction of Routes 25 and 133) in Brookfield Center

Brief Description: On Monday evening, August 5, 2013, at the Brookfield Museum, the public is invited to a presentation on the 1864 Civil War’s Shenandoah Valley Campaign, hosted by the Brookfield Historical Society. The presentation will focus on the events that took place in September of that year. Confederate MG Jubal Early had raided key installations of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road in Maryland and burned the town of Chambersburg in the summer of 1864. After a failed attack on Washington by Early, and continued raiding in the Shenandoah Valley, Union LTG Grant sent newly appointed MG Phillip Sheridan with 15000 troops to defeat Early. Jessup will discuss the actions that followed. After the presentation complimentary refreshments will be served. Jessup, who had three relatives who served with the Confederacy during the Civil War, is a resident of Newtown, and a professional genealogist with a special interest in Connecticut and the nearby states of Massachusetts and New York. He edits the *Connecticut Ancestry* journal, and maintains the genealogy and local history collection at Newtown's C. H. Booth Library. He is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council. The Museum is located at 165 Whisconier Road (Route 25) at the intersection of Routes 25 and 133 in Brookfield Center.